

1 **Minutes 01/11/2016**

2 **Jericho Fire Services Task Force Meeting**
3 **January 11, 2016 7:00 PM**
4 **Jericho Town Hall, 67 Vermont Route 15**
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6 **Members Present:** Chris Corbin (CC), Frank Fisler (FF), Chuck Lacy (CL), Matt Thomson (MT),
7 William Bresee (WB)
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9 **Others Present:** None

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11 The meeting was called to order by Matt Thomson at 7:00 PM
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13 **1. Public Comment**

14 No public in attendance.
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16 **2. Minutes.**

17 The minutes of 11/30 were approved.
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19 **3. Meeting Goals**

20 Review the information that MT and WB obtained while meeting with the Hinesburg, VT Fire
21 Chief. Discuss the draft report and continued task force progress.
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23 **4. Panel Input**

24 The following items were shared with the Task Force based upon the meeting with Hinesburg
25 FD:

- 26 - The Hinesburg FD (HFD) was originally a private association. They became unable to
27 support the mission and be self-sufficient. In the late 1990's they began a move from a
28 private association to the Town. This was a lengthy process which they have recently
29 completed with the asset transition to the town. Their Fire Chief reports to the Select
30 Board. Stipend compensation from \$10-\$11 per hour for an incident based upon
31 certification. Training stipend of \$10 per training. They are currently revising their
32 documents, such as by-laws, etc. The budget is within the same ball park as UJFD. Their
33 Police Officers are EMS-trained. FD members are as well. Clarification is needed to
34 determine if HFD responds to all EMS incidents. The Fire Chief and the Town seem to be
35 very engaged with each other. HFD does not appear to have the tenure of members
36 that UJFD has.
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38 The Task Force will obtain By-laws, any contracts, and membership demographics for each
39 department they visit.
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41 CL would like to include Colchester Center FD in the Task Force analysis. All agreed.
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43 CC is still trying to schedule a meeting with the Charlotte Fire Chief. The last scheduled meeting
44 had to be cancelled due to a hazardous materials incident within Charlotte.
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46 **5. Discussion**

47 CL presented a working draft report for the Task Force to review. MT to assist with an ISO
48 section and CC to determine a method for evaluating the protected values for each department.
49 CL reported on the following findings during his draft work:

- 50 - UJFD incorporated in 1950, while they begin to appear in the Town Report in the 1940's.
- 51 - The first financial report from UJFD in 1950 had compensation as 35% of the budget.
- 52 Currently, 34% of the budget is payroll, including the FTEs.
- 53 - UJFD became a 501C3 in 1994.

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55 CC to determine a point of contact for Hinesburg FD, with WB and CL making the contact with
56 Richmond

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58 CC to contact Colchester Center FD.

59 60 **6. Next Meeting**

61 The next Task Force meeting will be held on Thursday 28 January 2016 at the Jericho Town Hall
62 starting at 7:00 PM. Also schedule is Monday 15 February 2016 at the Jericho Town Hall
63 starting at 7:00 PM and Sunday 28 February 2016 with the time TBD.